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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

18 September 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT : Release of NIE 92-56, "The Outlook for Bolivia,"
to Certain Foreign Governments

1. The Board of National Estimates has examined NIE 92-56, with a view to its release to certain foreign governments and regards the following as pertinent:

a. Precedent. The only previous estimate dealing exclusively with Bolivia (NIE 92-54) was not released to any foreign government.

b. Reciprocity. According to our records, the US has not received any [] estimate on Bolivia.

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c. Classification and Sources. Release of this estimate would not compromise NOFORN data or intelligence sources for which CIA is primarily responsible. The Board is not in a position to determine whether its release would compromise NOFORN materials or intelligence sources for which other agencies are responsible.

d. Substantive. The Board notes that extensive references are made to the degree and effect (both political and economic) of US aid (e.g., last sentence, Advance Conclusion A; Advance Conclusion D; Advance Conclusion F; and the third sentence, para. 5; third and fourth lines, para. 20; fourth and fifth sentences, para. 27; first sentence, para. 29; first and last sentences, para. 37; last five words, para. 37a; and para. 39, all of the 7 September draft). Taken as a whole,

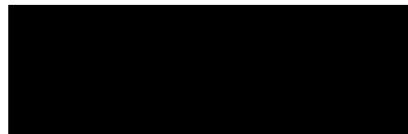
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these paragraphs disclose the considerable extent to which the question of economic aid and our basic policy toward Bolivia are interrelated. However, deletion of all, or virtually all, of the above passages would, in the Board's opinion, so affect the substance of the paper as to render it of little value for exchange purposes.

2. Conclusion. On the basis of the above factors, including the past pattern of exchange on Bolivia, and the Board's opinion that deletions such as those referred to in para. 1d above would probably be necessary and, if made, would modify the impact of the estimate as a whole, the Board recommends that NIE 92-56 not be released to any foreign country.

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